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get it examined once in six months by the Commissioner of Police or by a person approved by him and obtain a certificate as to its fitness for use on the road.

(b) The reasons for inspection whenever and as often as may be necessary are to verify the general fitness of the motor vehicles for use on the public roads and to ensure safety. These inspections are carried out in accordance with condition 5 of the G permit and rule 2 of the Madras Motor Cab Rules.

(c) The vehicle is examined by the Commissioner of Police or some person approved by him.

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Qualifications and duties of the Police Surgeon and his Assistant.

*277 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what are the qualifications and duties of the Police Surgeon in the City of Madras and what are his hours of office work; and

(b) what are the qualifications and duties of the Assistant to the Police Surgeon and what are his hours of office work?

A.—(a) & (b) The Police Surgeon and his Assistant should possess the qualifications prescribed for Assistant Surgeons in the Madras Medical Service (General Branch) and Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Madras Medical Subordinate Service (General Branch) respectively. The Government have no information as to their hours of work but their duties are enumerated in the annexure.[a]

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Will the hon. Member consider the desirability of allowing private practitioners also to issue certificates to drivers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"As I have told before in connexion with some other question, I am prepared to consider it."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know the necessity of keeping up a separate Police medical establishment when there are so many hospitals in the city and in the mufassal?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Sir, this raises a very big question. It has already been considered and the retention of such an institution has been recognized."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is not the Government following a policy of expanding the medical establishments? Where is the necessity of keeping a separate one for the Police during the present financial stringency?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I do not think that the financial stringency has anything to do with this."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 695–696 infra.